

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 4 and 5 as follows.

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4. (Twice Amended) The skateboard of claim 3 in which said elongated slide plate further comprises a first end margin, a second end margin, and two side margins, said mounting base of said first truck further comprises an end-wise margin, said end-wise margin facing said first end of said elongated deck, and said mounting base of said second truck further comprises an end-wise margin, said end-wise margin facing said second end of said elongated deck.

5. (Twice Amended) The skateboard of claim 4 in which said elongated slide plate is of the same width as said mounting bases of said first and said second truck whereby said two side margins of said elongated slide plate mount flush under said mounting bases of said first and said second truck.